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In re: Application of: **Ham, et al.**Assignee: **International Business  
Machines Corporation**Application No.: **09/872,054**Group No.: **2171**Filed: **May 31, 2001**Examiner: **Unassigned**Confirmation No.: **2294****For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR PROVIDING AN  
EXTENSIBLE FILE SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING A FOREIGN FILE SYSTEM FROM A LOCAL  
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM****Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.97-1.99, a copy is herewith submitted (attached to form PTO-1449, Rev. 7-80) of prior art which is considered to be pertinent to the invention as claimed in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the art cited, initial the leftmost column of the attached PTO Form 1449 adjacent each cited reference, and return a copy of the Form 1449 for applicants' records. It is further requested that the art be cited on the cover of any patent issuing from the subject application.

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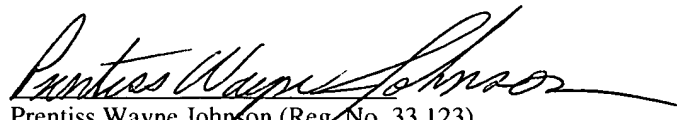
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